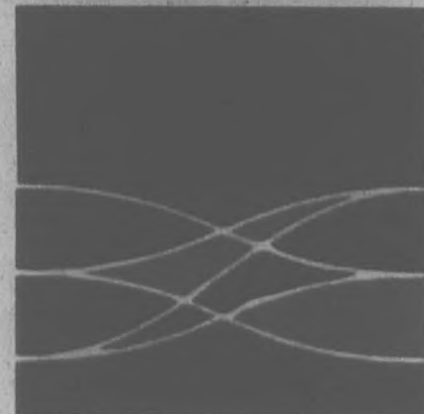


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Apprehended by Georgia officials Sodomy suspect returns to Coffee County to face 1997 grand jury charges

Law enforcement officials gave meaning to the saying "you can run but you can't hide" recently when a suspect who reportedly avoided charges in Coffee County for 11 years was apprehended in Georgia.

According to Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth, the Coffee County Sheriff's Department was contacted Saturday, Dec. 8, by the Fulton County Sheriff's Department regarding Danny Thomas Johnson, age 43.

Fulton County officials said they had Johnson in custody at that time. Major D.H. Hughes of the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Department, detention division, said their agency arrested Johnson in Norcross, Ga. on Wednesday, Oct. 31. Deputies from the agency along with the U.S. Marshall's Southeast Regional Task Force served a foreign warrant from the Atlanta Police Department to arrest Johnson as the suspect for molestation of a minor.

Following his arrest in Georgia, Whitworth said offi-

cials discovered through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database that Johnson was wanted in Coffee County on grand jury indictments from 11 years ago. A fugitive from justice warrant was obtained, and Johnson subsequently waived extradition from Georgia to Alabama.

In cooperation with the 12th Judicial Circuit District, Attorney's office, Whitworth said investigator Patrick Norris traveled to Fulton County to pick-up Johnson and return him to Alabama. The suspect arrived Wednesday, Dec. 19, and was placed in the Coffee County Jail on two counts of sodomy first degree handed down by the Coffee County grand jury terms of March 1997 and December 1997. Each charge holds a \$20,000 bond.

According to reports, Johnson was 33-years-old at the time of the alleged offense, and the victim was under the age of 12. The investigation was initiated by the Enterprise Police Department.

During Coffee County Commission meeting

Commissioners approve rental guidelines and regulations for senior citizen centers

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission met Friday morning, Dec. 21, and found the final meeting for 2007 to be routine with only a few basic matters to consider.

Commission chairman Tom Grimsley said the county has some vacancies on the Coffee County Public Building Authority that either needed reappointment or an appointment of a new individual to fill the spot.

Grimsley said the county at-large spot needed an appointment to finish the current term. He said Judge Jeff Kelley had moved from the district that he served as the representative on the authority, and he had shown

a desire to remain on the board. Therefore, Grimsley said he would like to appoint Judge Kelley to complete the current term of the county at-large spot vacated by Joe Pittman.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks said he had asked attorney Whittaker from the same law firm as Pittman if he would be interested in completing the term, and he made a motion that that effect, however, Brooks' motion died for lack of a second.

Grimsley appointed Judge Jeff Kelley to the county at-large spot.

Two additional reappointments to the Coffee County Public Building Authority were approved by commissioners during last Friday's meeting.

Commissioner J.L. Weeks

Next Week in The Elba Clipper...

"A Look Back at the Year 2007"

New Brockton Council holds routine December meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council met Monday evening, Dec. 10, and conducted a fairly routine meeting.

Speaking on behalf of the Christmas Parade committee, Barbara Herron thanked all for their participation in this year's annual event. She said the parade consisted of approximately 46 units plus horses, and it was a very good parade.

Also in regards to Christmas, council members voted to approve a one-time pay raise for employees. The motion allowed for full-time employees to receive \$50 and part-time employees to receive \$25.

Police Chief Dale Grimes presented his monthly activity report to council members. Afterwards, he asked council members if they'd had time to look over the proposed SOP (Standing Operating Procedures) for the police

department to which they unanimously voted in favor of a motion to approve the SOP.

Council members also voted to approve an amendment to the town's business license ordinance.

Town clerk Annette Williams said the change to the ordinance calls for the business license year to be a calendar year (Jan. 1st thru Dec. 31st) instead of the

fiscal year. She said this is a requirement from the state to have uniformity among all municipalities in the state.

Council members also voted to pay the monthly bills.

The next New Brockton Town Council meeting will be Monday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m. The council meets in the council chambers at the New Brockton Town Hall.

Area Happenings

Several businesses will be closed Monday, Dec. 24, in observance of New Year's Day. There will be no emergency services with street, sewer, water, or gas emergencies, call the Elba Police Department at 251-251-1234. The wastewater department's schedule will be as follows: Jan. 1, no pickup. The Tuesday route will be as follows: Jan. 2, pickup as usual.

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PICTURED ABOVE are three drop frame trailers, stacked and ready for shipment from the Elba plant in Elba to fill orders somewhere in the U. S. These trailers are equipped with traditional Dorsey adjustable undercarriages to help haulers balance the weight of the loads.

Dorsey Trailers continues to make progress since reopening earlier this year

by Fern Cox, Publisher

Dorsey Trailers continues to rebound from years of problems which culminated in a complete shutdown and ultimate bankruptcy court sale to Pitts Enterprises earlier this year.

Company President Jeff Pitts and plant manager, David Dorsey recently detailed their progress towards getting the Elba plant back to full production following the official ribbon cutting ceremony held in August of this year.

Pitts openly expressed his excitement over progress and his optimism that the Dorsey Trailer name is still very well respected in the trailer industry. The holiday season is normally a "slowdown" period for this industry. However employment

is up to about 70 employees.

Trailers already in production include dry freight vans, refrigerated units, flatbeds and drop frames. The immediate goal is to get production up from 1 1/5 per day to 2 a day, according to Dorsey.

An all new wood chip trailer has been designed, engineered, presold and production started as part of a 4th production line. The company has already sold trailers in Ohio, California, Tennessee and Canada. Orders were received recently from the

Atlanta, Georgia area. Much of this business is coming from former Dorsey Trailer distributors who welcomed the return of the Dorsey name to the trailer market.

Dorsey explained that plans are to continue to add good, qualified employees as production line kinks are worked out, new product lines are added and user trust in the Dorsey name results in additional orders.

See more Dorsey photos on page 12

Recipient family chosen Elba Rotary Club begins major fund-raising effort for Habitat project

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Rotary Club began a major service project earlier in the year with the goal of building a new Habitat for Humanity house in Elba. Today, they continue to work towards the goal.

Recently, the project took a huge step forward when the recipient family was chosen for the home. Single-mother Melissa Daniels and her two children, Kareem Silar and Kendra Silar, joined the project partnership as the recipient family and will begin working alongside the Rotary Club and Coffee County Habitat for Humanity to meet all requirements for Daniels to become a new homeowner.

According to Coffee County Habitat for Humanity, there is one completed Habitat house in Elba (dedicated in 2002), and groundbreaking for the Rotary Club project is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 27.

home. The recipients must put in at least 300 sweat-equity hours including assisting with construction and attending workshops and seminars. They also must make a down payment on the home and make monthly house payments.

Stephens said many people do not realize the requirements placed on the home recipients by Habitat for Humanity, but the program is certainly not a give-away. Instead, he said the goal of Habitat for Humanity is to do away with sub-standard housing one house at a time.

Coffee County Habitat for Humanity has been building homes since 2001 and the fifth house in the county was dedicated earlier this month in Enterprise. Currently, there is one completed Habitat house in Elba (dedicated in 2002), and groundbreaking for the Rotary Club project is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 27.

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The Coffee County Habitat for Humanity project being spearheaded in Elba by the Elba Rotary Club recently took a giant step forward when a recipient family was chosen. The recipient of the home will be Melissa Daniels and her two children, Kareem Silar and Kendra Silar. They are shown above with three Elba Rotary Club members (left) Josh Wilson, Danny Weeks and Kaye Whitworth. In an effort to raise money for the project, the Rotary Club currently is selling chances to win a 2005 Hyundai Accent (shown in photo). Groundbreaking for the project is tentatively set for Sunday, Jan. 27.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

Another year has passed on the calendar and we are about to enter 2008. It is doubtful a single person reading this article has not lost a close friend or relative who will not be around to help welcome in the new year. None really wanted to lose that person but hopefully you were left with a wealth of great memories of the one who was so dear.

It is ironic. While yours truly was typing the above paragraph on Saturday morning Hedy got a phone call reporting Winford Baker had just died. There is an ideal example of family and friends being left with a "wealth of great memories."

We enter this new year as a nation still split over events in the Middle East. We share the concerns of Americans, and anguish with every report of another death or injury. We pray for those lying in hospitals fighting for life and/or wondering how they will get through life with their horrible injuries. Where our patience shows thin is with many who are critical of the war effort because "it isn't over yet." More particularly we are upset with those who cheered the President on at the beginning and are now mad the U.S. didn't magically, and instantly, convert all those in the Middle East to our way of thinking. We seem to be wrong in our predictions more often than right. However long time readers of this column probably recall printed opinions going in that there was no instant changing of a way of life which has changed very little in recorded history. Bigger guns are not the answer, their entire life has been shaped around surviving in a world where violence was, and is, the main tool for decision-making. Don't look here for a magic solution to the Middle East issue, but also don't expect that bunch of legislators running the show in Washington to come forth with an answer either. Obviously they are more clueless than yours truly.

Sometimes we tend to join those who complain that all the tons of information available in today's world is just too much. A prime example is exemplified by an internet headline we saw one day last week. It was touting a news article that in the Netherlands a gym (or maybe more than one) was announcing "Naked Sundays." The photo accompanying the announcement was the upper portion of a male body leaving us to assume the events are not censored. However we have never gotten a thrill watching men in tight briefs and oiled bodies lift weights or flex their muscles, and therefore, for the life of us don't understand the logic which prompts "Naked Sundays."

Alabama residents can expect a terrible run of political news in the next several months. If Washington was not enough, the scene in the Alabama Legislature is shaping up to be another nasty one. They go into session in just a few weeks with no indications the warring sides of the last session have gotten any softer. Add in predictions of another shortage of new money for them to spend and expect tempers to be even shorter.

A safe, happy and prosperous Happy New Year to each of you!

FROM THE HOUSE

Energy bill not perfect but a start

by Congressman Terry Everett
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As I write this column, President Bush is preparing to sign the final version of the Energy Independence and Security Act, which passed the U.S. House of Representatives on December 18.

I voted for this legislation in January, and again last week, because it contains some needed changes to our national energy policy. However, the new energy bill still falls short in providing Americans with enough alternative fuel choices or needed access to unexplored domestic energy resources.

The "perfect storm" of a sustained, strong international demand for oil and gas, combined with the heated rhetoric of oil producing regimes hostile to the United States, continues to drive our energy costs to record high levels. I don't think anyone was surprised last week to learn that consumer prices rose 0.8 percent in November, due largely to the higher cost of energy.

Recent opinion polls show the American people place dependence upon foreign energy at the top of their concerns, along with high energy costs. They realize that this country must do more to increase domestic energy supplies while

reducing our dependence upon foreign oil.

The recently-passed Energy Act addresses one painful aspect of our energy dilemma - outdated automobile fuel efficiency standards.

The new energy bill would require auto manufacturers to achieve a fleet-wide average fuel efficiency of 35 miles-per-gallon by the year 2020. It is estimated that the 10-mile-per-gallon increase in fuel efficiency would reduce national fuel consumption by over 1 million barrels of oil a day. The Energy Act also calls for 36 billion gallons of ethanol to be blended with domestic gasoline by 2020 to further reduce foreign oil reliance.

Taken together, these steps are significant and should be enacted.

Alabama farmers could play a role in the production of bio-fuels to be used in gasoline blends and I have supported similar measures in the drafting as long as they do not negatively

ly affect our food supply.

Unfortunately, the new Energy Act could have been a much better bill than what was passed into law. It ignores efforts by the previous Republican Congress to

increase domestic oil and gas production, nor does it promote other viable alternative energy sources.

The new Energy Act focuses most of its attention on what the new liberal Congress sees as "clean" energy - bio-fuels. It leaves out the promotion of other energy production, which is abundant and can be utilized in a safe and environmentally responsible way, including liquid coal, nuclear power, and our large domestic oil and gas reserves in the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska.

Under pressure from Republicans, the Democrat leadership did remove several

counterproductive measures from the Energy Act, including mandates that utility companies generate 15 percent of their electricity from renewable energy sources such as wind and solar. This would have unfairly penalized many southern states, including in Alabama, where wind and solar power generation is not technically feasible.

While increased automobile fuel efficiency and the promotion of biofuel blends for gasoline is a positive step, a true "energy" bill would also explore as many ways as possible to diversify America's energy sources, emphasizing all of our domestic resources. The Energy Act will not provide quick relief for pain at the pump.

Ultimately, Congress will have to open up our domestic energy reserves if we are to become truly self-sufficient. I will continue to push for the further development of domestic oil and gas and other alternative fuels to help meet America's growing energy needs now and in the future.

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HABITAT-

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a 2005 Hyundai Accent donated by the Mitchell auto dealerships in Enterprise. All proceeds will benefit the Habitat for Humanity project.

Since the Elba Christmas Festival on Sunday, Dec. 8, the vehicle has been on display in front of downtown businesses. Anyone interested in purchasing a chance on the vehicle should contact an Elba Rotary Club member.

NEWS BRIEF

On Monday, Dec. 10, at approximately 10:30 p.m., the Coffee County Sheriff's Department along with Alabama State Troopers conducted a driver's safety checkpoint. While conducting this checkpoint, Brandon Scott Bobo, age 19, of Spurlin Street, Opp, Ala., entered the checkpoint.

After further investigation, officials said the Coffee County Sheriff's Department narcotics detection K-9 unit was utilized on Bobo's vehicle and reportedly gave a positive response to the odor of narcotics. Bobo allegedly found to be in possession of approximately 1 1/2 ounces of marijuana and a controlled substance.

Bobo was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of marijuana in the first degree, unlawful possession of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. He was placed at that time in the Coffee County Jail.

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motion finalizing the financing of the new sheriff's department vehicles. The financing will be with Citizens Bank for \$156,000 at a 4.16 percent interest rate over 36 months.

Commissioners also approved a request from Lolley to proceed with the financing of the landfill compactor approved for purchase at the previous council meeting. This financing will go through Regions Regional Leasing for \$749,450 at a 3.43 percent interest rate over 60 months.

Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth offered a report from the sheriff's department to council members. He said Sheriff Dave Sutton was out-of-town on Friday.

During the month of November, Whitworth said the department saw a significant decrease in the number of civil papers and warrants received by

the department.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook offered a motion for commissioners to approve new rental guidelines and regulations for the use of the county's senior citizen centers for events. This motion passed by a 6-0-1 vote. Commissioner Brooks abstained.

Also in regards to senior centers, Commissioner Robert Stephens said he has a manager retiring from a center in his district, and he wanted to let everyone know the search for a replacement will be underway.

Finally, chairman Grimley said he would like to challenge commissioners to be ready at the next commission meeting to share their goals for the county in 2008. The next Commission meeting is set for Monday, Jan. 14, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

Obituaries

AUGUSTUS "GUS" OWEN

Mr. Augustus "Gus" Owen McCall, age 71, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held Dec. 21, 2007 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Minister George Herring and Minister Philip Box officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mr. McCall was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert Harper McCall and Mary Page McCall; and a brother, Robert Henry McCall.

Survivors include his wife, Janice Crocker McCall; one son, Herby McCall; and a daughter, Beverly McCall, all of Elba.

LEAMAUL KILLINGSWORTH FOX
Mr. Leamaul Fox Killingsworth, age 78, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2007, at Crenshaw Community Hospital in Luverne, Ala.

Funeral services were held Dec. 20, 2007 at Dillard Funeral Home Chapel in Troy, Ala., with Rev. Ray Simson and Rev. Waverly Williams officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Moriah Cemetery, Troy, with Dillard Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Killingsworth was preceded in death by his wife, Eunice Fowler Killingsworth; mother and father, three brothers, three sons; one daughter; two sons-in-law; and several grandchildren.

Survivors include two sons:

Billy Wayne (wife: June) Killingsworth, Brantley, Ala.; Harvey (wife: Willow) Reynolds, Moulton, Ala.; four daughters: Mary Ann Killingsworth, Brantley, Dorothy (husband Danny) Spivey, Luverne, Betty (husband Elmer) Todd, Hosford, Fla., and Patricia (husband James) Kelley, Andalusia, Ala.

24 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

• The Republican Women of

Coffee County will hold their monthly meeting/luncheon on Jan. 16, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Social/Lunch/Program at Pofolk in Enterprise. The speaker will be State Senator Harri Anne Smith. Senator Smith is a candidate for District 2 House of Representatives and will give the group a preview of the upcoming Legislative session. Call Jan White for reservations and info, 348-2451.

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• ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP - every Tuesday at 6 p.m. - Shiloh Baptist Church of Elba - Call 897-5037 for more information

• SOCIAL SECURITY REP. Courthouse: 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. This service will be discontinued after Nov. 27, 2007. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213 or visit the website at www.ssa.gov

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• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 5:30 p.m. - City Hall

• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall

• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom.

• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

• LEANS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center

• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office

• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month - 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• MASONIC LODGE 179 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.

• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School

• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE - Mon-Fri 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858

• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 2nd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House

• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Pofolk, Enterprise

• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Thursday at 3 P.M., the PFO office at the Airport.

• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

• NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

• ELBA KIWANIS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Thursday - Noon - Elba Public Library

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CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS



SCHOOLS

FROM THE COCKPIT

New Brockton High School News

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Students of the Month



NEW BROCKTON HIGH SCHOOL'S STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER include: (back row, left to right) Steven Smith - 9th Grade, Michael Redd - 11th Grade, Jay Pynes - 12th Grade and Principal Gary Glass; (front row, left to right) Jena Freese - 8th Grade and Emily Anderson - 7th Grade. Not Pictured: Emily Bowers - 10th Grade

Why do we say that?

by Brandi Hendrix

Clické, closely related to an idiom, but is adapted from saying a long time ago.

• **Put a sock in it** - Years ago gramophones didn't have any volume control, so to turn the volume down one had to actually put a sock in the trumpet part. Now, people use the term, "Put a sock in it" as a request to be quiet or silent.

• **Under the Weather** - This popular phrase for "ill" dates back to 1827 in which it was commonly believed that bad weather can make you sick.

• **You are what you eat** - What you eat determines how healthy of a person you are. To be fit you must eat healthy. It was first used in the 1960's (during the hippy era). It originally referred to eating whole food.

• **Sitting Shotgun** - In the days of the old west if you rode a wagon somewhere you sat next to the person with the reins. You held a shotgun in

your hands to protect the wagon's cargo and the people on it because the driver had to hold onto the reins to keep the horses moving if you were attacked.

• **Hit the Hay** - Mattresses used to be stuffed with hay or straw, so when one was hitting the hay they were on their way to bed, thus the phrase "hit the hay" means to go to bed.

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Always a Gamecock



On Friday, Dec. 7, 2007, New Brockton High School lost a very special student. Josh Pynes, age 17, a sophomore at NBHS, was tragically killed in a car accident on his way to school.

Josh was described by everyone who knew him as happy. His friends say he was always thinking of others and would do anything to get a smile. Josh was also a proud member of the varsity football team.

"He loved New Brockton High School," said principal Gary Glass. "He was Gamecock Pride."

The hearts and prayers of everyone at NBHS go out to the Pynes family. Those who would like to sign Josh's guestbook, should visit the New Brockton High School website: (<http://brockton.ecs.schoolsnet.net>)



Josh Pynes, a student, was tragically killed in a car accident on his way to school.



In honor of their classmate, Josh's friends painted his parking space in the athletic parking lot

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It is important that all persons with disabilities be identified so appropriate services can be provided.

Contacts include: • Rebecca J. Hardiman, Special Education Coordinator, 334-897-5016; • Terry Weeks, Principal, Kingston School, 334-565-3016; • Dale Kelley, Principal, New Brockton Elementary, 334-894-6152; • Gary Glass, Principal, New Brockton High, 334-894-2350; • Bob Hartwell, Principal, Zion Chapel School, 334-897-6275

SCHOOLS

Co-Op Spotlight

by Megan Sullivan



Ethen Dodd, the 16-year-old son of Jim and Elaine Dodd, is this week's Co-Op Spotlight.

Ethen works at Kelley Foods of Alabama where he hangs a variety of fresh meat and packs smoked products to be sold in grocery stores. He has currently been employed at Kelley Foods for six months.

After graduation, Ethen plans to major in architectural engineering, however, he has not decided on which college he will attend.

Other than attending school and work, Ethen said, "I like to fish, go to Enterprise and shoot pool or go bowling, and I like to work on car audio."



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Erica Daniels &
Kelly Corder

Fifth, sixth and high school bands deliver annual Christmas concert

by Ashton Rodriguez

On the night of Monday, Dec. 17, the Elba City School's band program held its annual Christmas concert.

The evening was filled with fun and joyful songs for all. The concert began with the fifth grade band playing a selection of "Jingle Bells" followed by "Jolly Old St. Nicholas" and "Up on the Housetop."

Next, the sixth grade band performed "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Christmas Bits and Pieces," and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." Concluding the elementary band's portion of the concert the fifth and sixth grade combined wowed the audience by performing "Dragon Slayer."

Following the elementary bands, the high school band took the stage and set the mood



EES students receive Christmas gift

by April Price

All children love Christmas, and Elba Elementary students were surprised to see what the "Elba" Claus had in store for them.

Around one o'clock on Tuesday, Dec. 18, the elementary students walked to the auditorium at the high school to watch a movie. Gina Price, curriculum coordinator at the elementary school, said the stu-

dents had worked hard all year and deserved a rewarding, relaxed day.

Jasmine Wright, a fifth grader, was asked why she enjoyed the "present" they were receiving, and her comment was, "I'm glad to get out of class and have no school work."

Hopefully, the students will keep up their hard work, and maybe next Christmas the "Elba" Claus will have a bigger and better present.

"'Twas the Night Before Christmas" Hispanic style at Elba High School

On Friday, Dec. 14, the Spanish I classes, taught by Ms. Ashley Meadows, celebrated Christmas Hispanic style.

On Dec. 13, the day before the celebration, the Spanish I students placed their old shoes under the Christmas tree in Ms. Meadows' room in the hopes that Papa Noel (Santa Claus) would fill them with candy and goodies. This is an age-old tradition practiced by the people of Mexico, Spain and other Hispanic countries on Christmas Eve or Noche Buena.

The students also presented a report based on the Christmas traditions of the Hispanic country of their choice. They brought authentic Hispanic Christmas food, homemade Christmas cards and homemade poinsettia ornaments to adorn the Christmas tree.

Everyone had a Feliz Navidad Hispanic style and look forward to a Prospero Año (Happy New Year).

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the class, Not an student was stirring and nada que pasa.

And the students were at home in their camas, Decked out in their socks, night-caps, and pajamas. Their shoes were placed under the tree with care, In the hopes that Papa Noel would soon be there.

And what do my wandering eyes should appear? But Papa Noel and eight burros very near.

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
from the Tiger Tales,
ELBALA and Tiger
Times staff at Elba
High School!

Sports banquet held at Elba High School

by April Price

Elba High School held its annual sports banquet Monday, Dec. 17. The cheerleaders, football players and volleyball players were recognized for their outstanding dedication and team effort in athletics.

Scott Rials, EHS head football coach, opened the banquet by leading everyone in prayer. Afterwards, a feast of barbecue pork, rice and slaw was enjoyed. Following the meal, awards were presented.

Mrs. Amanda Martin, head volleyball coach, presented volleyball awards to a number of deserving young ladies.

LeAnna Henderson, a senior, received the Top Server award. Continuing with Varsity awards, Shannika Pruitt received the Best Offensive Player award, and Kayla Rials won the Best Defensive Player award.



Coach Scott Rials presents football awards

Cynricka Dean was named the Varsity Lady Tiger.

JV volleyball awards were also given. Molly McGuire was named the Most Valuable Player, and Cortnee Driggers received the Lady Tiger Award.

After the ceremony, Coach Martin said, "I really enjoyed

having the opportunity to reward our standout athletes who are so deserving of the recognitions they received."

Cheerleader LeAnna Henderson was recognized as the only senior on the cheerleading squad. The squad will miss her enthusiastic attitude and her gracious smile during next year's football season.

Head football coach Scott Rials presented football awards. Football seniors Trey Martin and Dimetrio Tyson were both voted upon by the players as the team's captains. Dimetrio also received the Best Defensive Lineman and Most Valuable Defensive Player awards, while Trey Martin, quarterback, also received the Most Valuable Player award.

Coach Free, assistant football coach, said, "awarding our athletes is such a pleasure, and the food was excellent."



The Varsity Cheerleaders were recognized during the Sports Banquet

Ambassadors ring bell for Salvation Army

by Kim Blue

On Saturday, Dec. 15, the Elba High School ambassadors went to the Elba Marketplace to help the Salvation Army.

The ambassadors stood at each door, ringing a bell to help people in need around the local



Megan Sullivan takes her turn ringing the Salvation Army bell

area. There were two or three ambassadors who worked an hour shift together. The shifts began at 9 a.m. and ended at 3 p.m.

Some of the ambassadors who helped Saturday were Megan Sullivan, Kim Blue, Maisie Thomas and Yoquesha Terry. As the day continued, many of the towns' people gave gener-

ously. The profits from the Salvation Army go toward finding a shelter and food for the needy people this Christmas season.



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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

One of the hardest things for me to do this time every year is to try and convince my family that I don't really need that many gifts under the Christmas tree. The girls have always counted presents as Christmas draws near, and when they realize Mom and Dad have the fewest they come to Dad for money to help finance their last-minute shopping trips. I am sincere when I tell them having them home is the best gift any Dad could ever have, but I will admit we can all use an extra pair of socks or a new razor. Oh yes, the joys of the holidays!

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The Elba Tigers won five of their final six games before the holidays to improve their record to 7-5. The Tigers got off to a slow start due to a late start and a few bumps and bruises left over from football season, but are now getting close to full speed and the wins are coming almost nightly. It is way too early to get too excited. However, the Elba Tigers appear to be a contender as the New Year draws nearer.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers dropped their final pre-holiday game to Brantley in a 30-point loss, but the Lady Tigers carried a 4-5 record into the break and that is much better than may fans thought possible. The girls lost some key players off last season's team and were expected to struggle. However, they have worked hard to be competitive and are much more than that as they prepare to head into the second half of the season.

*** A quick look around the area found New Brockton back on the winning track following a six-game skid, Kinston getting better and better with each and every game, Zion Chapel beginning to believe it could win and Brantley struggling slightly after a fast start. Over on the girls side of the court Brantley has yet to lose and has its fans looking ahead to post-season play, while Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel are all working hard to improve and should get their share of wins in the near future.

*** I usually pay a lot of attention to the bowl games, but this year the only games I really plan on making time to watch are the Independence Bowl, the Sugar Bowl, the Chick-Fil-E Bowl and the BSC championship game. I am sure I will catch glances on many more, but these are "must watch" for this old college football fan.

*** and, in closing... I thought it was a little ironic that Hoover High School named the coach at Oxford High as its new head football coach. The folks at Hoover gave their coach the axe due to controversy on and off the field, then went out and hired a coach whose team was forced to forfeit almost all of its games due to using an ineligible player. I guess they decided they needed a coach that at least knew a little about what not to do.

HUNTING SPOTLIGHT



Logan Parks killed his first deer while hunting with his dad on his grandfather's farm just outside of Elba. Logan is 9 years old. Logan is the son of John and Kathy Parks of Auburn and the grandson of Burn Bowers of Elba.

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Up record to 7-5

Elba Tigers upset Brantley 60-58

The Elba Tigers continued their recent winning ways last Tuesday night by claiming an exciting 60-58 upset win over the Brantley Bulldogs, at the Elba High gym.

The win upped Elba's record to 7-5, while Brantley's record slipped to 7-3 with the loss.

Brantley came out ready to play and took command from the opening tip as the Bulldogs raced out to a 9-2 lead with 5:52 remaining in the opening stanza. A three-pointer by Elba's Kareem Siler cut the Bulldogs' lead to 9-5 with 5:32 left on the clock. However, the Tigers failed to score again the remainder of the quarter and by the end of the period trailed Brantley 13-5.

Gavin Respress and Keenan Phillips sparked an Elba rally early in the second quarter as the Tigers pulled within 13-12 with 6:10 left in the half, but Brantley refused to let the Tigers get any closer and went on an 11-0 run to extend its lead to 24-12 with 3:16 remaining on the clock. Channing Morris ended Elba's four minute scoring drought with a free-throw late in the quarter. However, the Bulldogs never lost control and at the half owned a big 31-21 advantage.

The Tigers pulled within 31-24 early in the third quarter on a long three-pointer by Kareem Siler, then went on an 8-3 run midway through the stanza and cut the Bulldogs' lead to 34-32 on a driving lay-up by Gavin Respress. Elba took its first lead of the game at 38-36 on three free-throws by Trey Belcher with 4:38 left in the quarter, and upped its lead to 45-38 minutes later when Siler drilled another jumper from behind the arc.

Two free-throws by Jordan Bryant gave the Tigers a 51-41 lead with :55 left on the clock, and Elba survived a late Brantley rally to carry a 51-45 advantage into the final stanza. The Tigers extended their lead to 55-47 with 6:11 remaining in the fourth quarter on a short jumper by Trey Belcher and owned a 59-51 lead with 3:17 left after a basket by Channing Morris. Brantley scored the game's next four points to pull within 59-55 with 2:05 still left in the quarter, and cut the Elba lead to 60-58 with



Elba Tiger Trey Belcher (in white) goes high to block a shot in last week's 60-58 win over the Brantley Bulldogs. Belcher also scored 10 points to help the Tigers claim their fifth win in their last six games as they improved their record to 7-5.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

40 remaining on a long three-pointer. The Tigers missed their final six free-throw opportunities, but still found a way to hold on and survived to claim the wild 60-58 win.

Kareem Siler scored 14 points to lead Elba, while Gavin Respress and Trey Belcher both added 10. Dexter Daniels scored 19 points to lead Brantley, while Wesley Person added 14 and Devante Porter scored 11.

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B 13 18 16 11 - 58

(JV GAME)

The Elba JV Tigers improved their record to 7-2 last Tuesday night with a big 50-29 win over the Brantley Bulldogs. The Tigers owned a slim 9-7 lead after one quarter, but outscored

the Bulldogs 18-4 to open up a 27-11 halftime bulge and never looked back to claim the impressive 50-29 win.

Chance Goosby scored 45 points to lead Elba, while Sandarius Reed added 14 and Jabari Cole scored 10. Chester Person led Brantley with 9 points.

Elba (50): Martin 4, Robertson 6, Reed 14, Cole 10, Goosby 15, Robinson 2. Brantley (29): Tillis 2, Wiley 2, Person 9, Johnson 4, Free 2, Gully 2.



Elba Lady Tiger Janae Carnley (44) shoots from inside in last week's loss to Brantley. The loss left the Lady Tigers with a 4-5 record heading into the holiday break.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

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SPORTS

Holidays mean tournament time for area high school basketball teams

The holiday season means students are out of school all across the state. However, for area high school basketball players the holidays mean a chance to get in a little extra playing time as teams compete in holiday tournaments all across the area.

Following are tournament schedules from across the area:

Opp Christmas Tournament at Opp High School,

Wednesday, Dec. 26

3:00 - Elba Girls vs. Opp Girls

4:30 - Elba Boys vs. Opp Boys

Thursday, Dec. 27

6:00 - Elba Girls vs. Kinston Girls

7:30 - Elba Boys vs. Kinston Boys

Friday, Dec. 28

6:00 - Opp Girls vs. Kinston Girls

7:30 - Opp Boys vs. Kinston Boys

Red Level Invitational At Red Level High School,

Boys Division

Thursday, Dec. 27

10:30 - Straughn vs. Luverne

1:30 - Florala vs. Samson

4:30 - Brantley vs. Flomaton

7:30 - McKenzie vs. Red Level

Friday, Dec. 28

10:30 - Losers Bracket

1:30 - Losers Bracket

4:30 - Winners Bracket

7:30 - Winners Bracket

Saturday, Dec. 29

10:30 - Losers Bracket Final

1:30 - Consolation Bracket Final

4:30 - Consolation Game

7:30 - Championship Game

Girls Division

Thursday, Dec. 27

9:00 - Andalusia vs. Luverne

12:00 - Brantley vs. Laurel Hill

3:00 - Straughn vs. McKenzie

6:00 - Red Level vs. Highland Home

Friday, Dec. 28

9:00 - Losers Bracket

12:00 - Losers Bracket

3:00 - Winners Bracket

6:00 - Winners Bracket

Saturday, Dec. 29

9:00 - Losers Bracket Final

12:00 - Consolation Bracket Final

3:00 - Consolation Game

6:00 - Championship Game

Dothan Progress/Dothan Eagle/Southern Star Prep Holiday Classic at Ozark Civic Center,

Wednesday, Dec. 26

5:00 - Ashford vs. St. Paul's

6:30 - Highland Home vs. Abbeville

8:00 - Carroll vs. Eufaula

9:30 - Andalusia vs. Charles Henderson

Thursday, Dec. 27

5:00 - Opelika vs. Wicksburg

6:30 - Bullock County vs. Enterprise

8:00 - Robert E. Lee vs. Barbour County

9:30 - Daleville vs. Huffman

Friday, Dec. 28

5:00 - Quarterfinal Game

6:30 - Quarterfinal Game

8:00 - Quarterfinal Game

9:30 - Quarterfinal Game

Saturday, Dec. 29

5:00 - Semifinal Game

7:00 - Semifinal Game

Monday, Dec. 31

4:00 - Consolation Game

6:00 - Championship Game

Downtown Dothan Hoops Classic at Dothan Civic Center,

Wednesday, Dec. 26

2:00 - New Brockton vs. Seminole

County

4:00 - Slocomb vs. Dale County

6:00 - Dothan vs. Rehobeth

8:00 - Georgiana vs. Northview

Thursday, Dec. 27

2:00 - Arifton vs. Malone

4:00 - Geneva vs. Headland

6:00 - Houston Academy vs. Houston

County

8:00 - Goshen vs. Providence

Friday, Dec. 28

2:00 - Quarterfinal Game

4:00 - Quarterfinal Game

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8:00 - Quarterfinal Game

Saturday, Dec. 29

6:00 - Semifinal Game

8:00 - Semifinal Game

Monday, Dec. 31

3:00 - Consolation Game

8:00 - Championship Game

Let's Go...

Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



**Cover and attractant scents
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We all remember our elders telling us to stop, look and listen before we crossed the street. Were deer to pass along similar advice to their young, they'd modify their version to "Stop, look, listen and smell for humans."

If you are one of the thousands of hunters who have failed to connect with a buck because they were winded well before they were aware of their quarry's approach, you may want to consider using an attractant or cover scent.

Over forty-five years ago, on my first deer hunt a cousin told me to rub pine needles over my clothes, boots and hat. I didn't get a buck that day but several does came within 10 yard of me. I became a believer in cover scents that day.

Pine needles, crushed acorns, sassafras, and other readily available natural scents are still free for the taking. But deer hunters today have a much more varied selection of commercial scents to choose from than did hunters of 20 years ago. A walk through the scent section of a sporting goods store can leave you more confused than ever as to what scents to choose. There are urines, both real and synthet-

ic, along with candles, wafers, gels, wicks, and poppers. The number of different cover scents is enough to boggle the mind. You can find bottled pine, acorn, sassafras, squirrel, skunk, and fox cover scents.

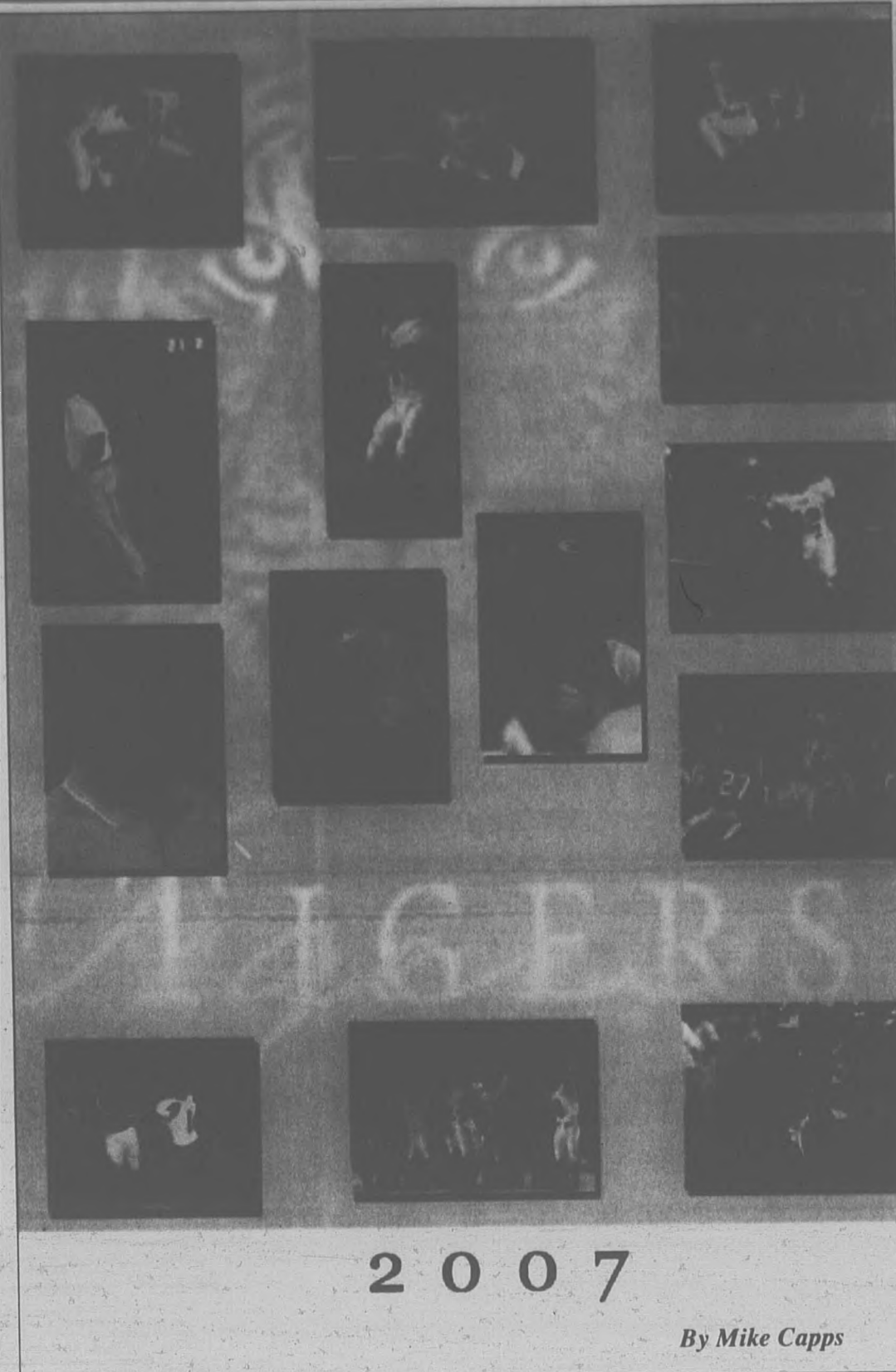
The first thing to do before applying that cover scent is to take a good bath with an odor free soap or baking soda. Just make sure that the cover scents you use matches the local vegetation. It does little good to be in the middle of a swamp near a beaver pond and apply a pine scent when there isn't a pine tree for some distance. Here acorn, or earth scent would be a good choice if using natural scents. Pine, or cedar is good if these trees are growing close to your stand.

Be sure to wash your hair with an odor free soap also. Body cleansers such as the ones used by hospitals to combat bacteria growth on patients are a good choice. Hunters can make themselves almost odorless for three to four hours after bathing. After this time, odor-causing bacteria begins to grow and our body odor increases. The more activity we subject ourselves to the more we perspire and the odor increases.

Remember to fuel up the hunting vehicle the night before, as gasoline or diesel fuel or your cloth will have about the same effect as if you were playing a base drum while sitting in your stand.

Covering one's scent isn't rocket science, but it does require a little effort. Pine needles rubbed over the clothes from cap to boots still works, so does handfuls of crushed acorns and decayed humus. Just remember to apply that cover scents before entering the woods, that way you will see more antlers than "flags".

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2007

By Mike Capps

Lady Gamecocks fall hard

New Brockton falls in overtime to Straughn 64-62

The New Brockton Gamecocks hosted the highly-touted Straughn Tigers Friday night and saw a late rally fall short as they dropped a hard fought 64-62 decision, in overtime.

The Gamecocks rallied from a 23-17 first quarter deficit to grab a 29-28 halftime advantage, then staged a furious fourth quarter rally as they wiped out a seven-point Straughn lead to send the game into an extra period. The Gamecocks could manage only four points in the extra period; however, and watched as the Tigers escaped with the exciting 64-62 win.

Shambray Johnson scored 21 points and Tevin McNair added 14 to lead New Brockton. Straughn (64): Jones 13, Felton 4, Powell 2, Driver 7, T. Driver 25, Bilyon 13.

N.B. (62): McNair 14, Muhammad 9, Foster 3, Farnon 3, Flowers 4, Johnson 21, D. Johnson 8.

(Girls)

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fell behind big in the second quarter and never recovered in a lopsided 74-33 loss to the Straughn Lady Tigers.

The Lady Gamecocks trailed only 19-14 after one quarter of action, but Straughn extended its lead to 38-22 by the end of the half and then outscored New Brockton 36-11 over the final two quarters to post the big 74-33 win.

Monica Largess and Hannah Dueitt both scored 9 points to lead New Brockton. Straughn (74): Messick 2, Freney 17, Taylor 3, Danford 2, Sport 7, Driver 4, Huckabaa 2, Wiggins 21, Teel 16.

N.B. (33): Purvis 8, Dueitt 9, Sawyer 5, Lee 1, Dunaway 1, Brantley 2, Largess 9.

(JV)

The New Brockton JV Gamecocks fell behind early and never rallied as they absorbed a 51-15 defeat to the Straughn Tigers.

The Gamecocks trailed 9-2 after one quarter and then were outscored 29-6 in the second half as they took the lopsided loss.

Straughn (51): Pickel 4, N.B. (15): Newsom 2, Berry Bybee 12, Perrow 1, Hughes 2, 2, Edwards 8, Hayes 3, Hayes 2, Walker 4, McCarty 2, Samuel 7, Byrd 4, Stephens 2.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

REGIONS BANK, a state banking association, Plaintiff, v. DEBORAH WEAVER and DAVID CARTIS BURROW Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. CV-2006-105

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK Under and by virtue of the provisions of that certain decree made and entered in the Circuit Court of Coffee County (Elba Division), Alabama, on the 29th day of October, 2007, in the above-styled cause, the undersigned will proceed to sell at the Front Door of the Courthouse of Coffee County, Alabama, in the City of Elba, on the 24th day of January, 2008, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property situated in the County of Coffee State of Alabama, to wit:

One lot of land known as Lot No. 4 on the West side of Lake Ridgeway and better described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot No. 3 and running in an East Northeast direction along the South side of Lot No. 3, 147 feet to Waters Edge of Lake Ridgeway and thence running along the waters edge in a Southwesterly direction to the 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 24, TP 5, Range 20.

A used 2001 Riverchase CAV Powerhouse Mobile Home, 28' x 80', VIN# CVO1AL0256193 A&B is located thereon and will be sold therewith.

WITNESS my hand this 3rd day of Dec., 2007

/s/ James M. Counts
James M. Counts, Clerk
Circuit Court of Coffee County (Elba Division), Alabama

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE
Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by that certain mortgage executed by BETTY S. HOLT AND WILLIAM A. HOLT, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Mortgagor(s) to AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE, as Mortgagee, dated the 8th day of May, 1998, and recorded in Book 31-A, Page 70 and modified in Book 31-A, Page 78 et seq. of the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, said mortgage being last assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 1998-B by instrument recorded in said Probate Court records; said default continuing, notice is hereby given that the undersigned will, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder during legal hours of sale, on the 3rd day of January, 2008, in the City of Elba, Alabama, at the Front Door of the Court House of Coffee County, Alabama, the following described real property situated in the County of Coffee State of Alabama, to-wit:

Lot No. 7 of Block A, according to the revised plat of Carver Park, a subdivision of Elba, Alabama, a map or plat of which is on record and appears in the Probate records of Coffee County, at Elba, in Plat Book 1, Page 19, Coffee County

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying said indebtedness and the expenses incident to this sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee, and the other purposes set out in said mortgage.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 1998-B Holder of said Mortgage

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December 13, 20, 27, 2007

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. STATE-TE-9822 CITY OF ELBA, COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF ELBA AT THE ELBA CITY HALL, ALABAMA, UNTIL 2:00 P.M. Local Time, Thursday, January 10, 2008, AND AT THAT TIME PUBLICLY OPENED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE FOLLOWING: CITY SQUARE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF ELBA.

THE BRACKET ESTIMATE ON THIS PROJECT IS FROM \$400,000 TO \$450,000. ALL BIDS AND TO DISREGARD ANY MINOR IRREGULARITIES IS RESERVED BY THE OWNER.

HONORABLE JAMES E. GRIMES, MAYOR
12,20,27-2007, 1,3,10-2008

PERFORMED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CARRYING OUT THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ACT AND OTHER ACTS AMENDATORY, SUPPLEMENTARY, OR RELATIVE THERE-TO. THIS PROJECT IS SUBJECT TO THE CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT AND ITS IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS. IN ANY CONTRACT ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO THIS ADVERTISEMENT, MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES WILL BE AFFORDED FULL OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT BIDS IN RESPONSE TO THIS INVITATION AND WILL NOT BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ON THE GROUNDS OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN IN CONSIDERATION FOR AN AWARD.

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Options for Alabama's deer hunters limited this gun season

by David Rainer
Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

A prolonged drought in the majority of the state will mean the usual methods of hunting may not be very productive, depending on the amount of rainfall received on the property to be hunted.

"Most people's green fields are non-existent," said Dan Moultrie of Birmingham, chairman of the Alabama Conservation Advisory Board.

"If we don't get any rain, it's going to be a tough year for deer. If it gets dry enough, a lot of the fawns will get milk, but the does are going to have a tough time keeping up. I learned this in Texas - you won't see the effect immediately, but as the fawn crop matures in five or six years you see that these fawns never catch up."

Moultrie, who has studied deer and deer habitat extensively in Alabama and Texas while building the Moultrie Feeders business, said hunters will likely have to change their habits to be successful.

"It's going to be old-fashioned hunting," he said. "The people who are used to hunting green fields, they're going to have to go back to the woods and concentrate on acorns or whatever food source they can find. Unless we get rain, the only decent food source is going to be acorns. Some places do have good acorn crops, but not everybody."

"If you can find a creek with water, I'd recommend hunting the acorns on the edge of the creek. I think that will be the most productive area to hunt. Under these conditions, you find the food source and you find the animals. When it's this dry, deer will basically eat anything green. I've even seen them eat magnolia leaves in Macon County, and that's definitely not a preferred food."

Despite the less-than-favorable conditions, Moultrie said at least a few people have managed to keep their sense of humor.

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it will provide forage on into the spring.

"And if we don't get any rain, there are a lot of people who have spent a lot of money on fertilizer and seed. The seed will be gone, but the fertilizer will be still laying there. In the spring, instead of losing the fertilizer, it would be a great year to come back in and plant spring forage. That will benefit the deer and a lot of other wildlife."

Keith Guyse, Wildlife Section Assistant Chief in the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division, said that while the drought will have an effect on the state's abundant deer herd - estimated at 1.75-million animals - he doesn't expect dire consequences.

"It certainly puts a lot of stress on the deer, but I don't expect to see any direct mortality from it," Guyse said. "I don't think we'll see any deer starve to death. Summer is usually tough on deer anyway, and this year has been hot and dry."

"I think you're going to see lower weights and some deer in poor condition. You're probably going to see a lot of ribs. Fawns born in August have tough conditions to begin with, and nursing puts a heavy burden on does. That doesn't mean every deer is going to be skinny, but those does who keep weights are likely to see that average weights are going to be down."

Guyse said the natural browse deer utilize is of poor quality and the mast production is basically hit and miss across the state.

"Overall, I don't think the food supply is going to improve until spring green-up," he said. "It surely wasn't good conditions for fall planting. Some people were



Top: Dorsey employees and management stand with the first drop deck trailer completed on the production line following the reopening of Dorsey Trailers earlier this year by new owner, Pitts Enterprises.

Right: Production of reefer and van trailers returned soon after the drop deck production began. Shown with a few of the completed trailers are Melissa Harrison, sales rep, and David Dorsey, plant manager.



Riley awards grant funds for Elba and Coffee County law enforcement vehicles

Gov. Bob Riley has awarded \$25,000 to boost law enforcement for the Elba Police Department. Riley also awarded \$22,500 to boost law enforcement for the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

The grant will enable the departments to purchase new patrol cars. "Law enforcement agencies across Alabama are called upon daily to protect and serve those in their communities and often they are required to place their

lives in danger," Riley said. "It is essential that we supply them with reliable equipment and transportation enabling them to efficiently perform their jobs."

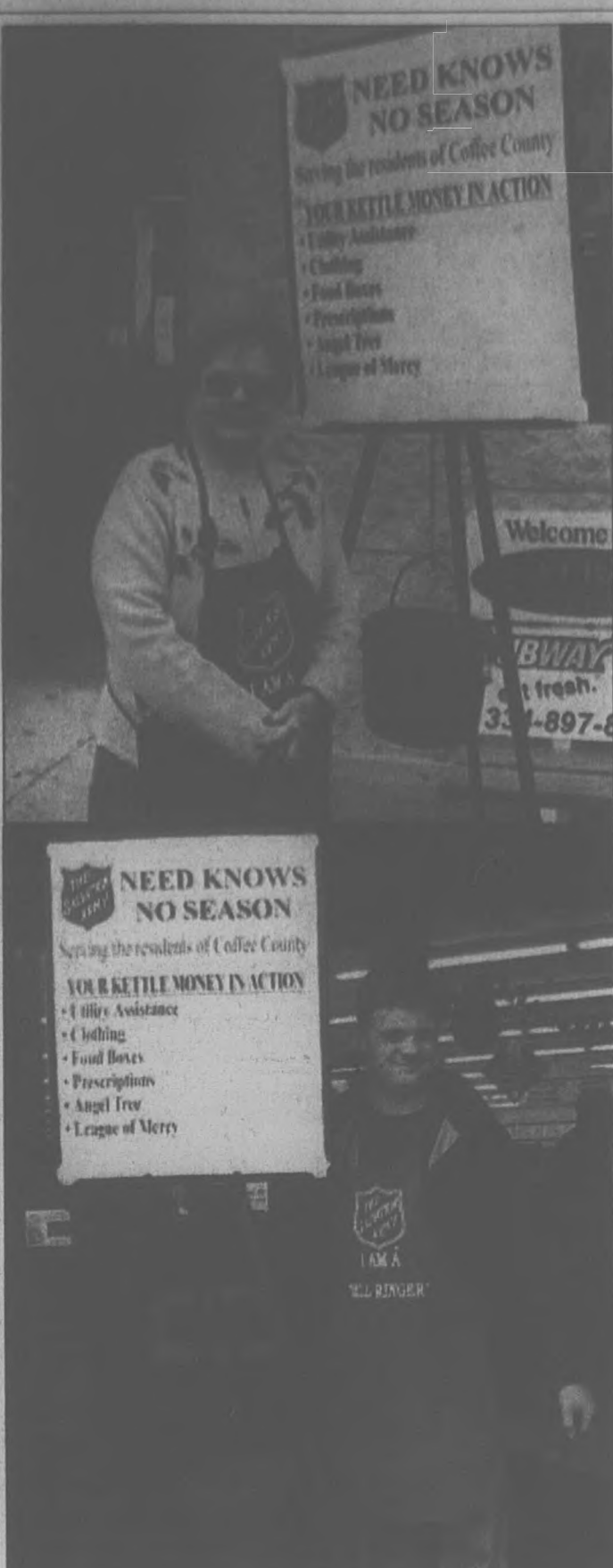
Riley notified Mayor James Grimes and County Commission chairman Tom Grimsley that the grants had been awarded.

The grants were awarded from funds made available to the state from the U.S. Department of Justice. The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs will administer the grant.

NOTICE

In observance of the New Year's Day holiday, The Elba Clipper will have a special deadline in place for the Thursday, Jan. 3, edition. All news and advertising is due to the office by 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 28th. The Elba Clipper office will be closed New Year's Day - Tuesday, Jan. 1.

Attend the church of your choice this Sunday!



A FAMILY AFFAIR...On Saturday, Dec. 22, Louise Bozeman (top photo) and her grandson Jamie Greek (bottom photo) were spotted donating part of their day to the Salvation Army. The two family members served as bell ringers and were posted outside the doors of The Elba Marketplace. During the holiday season, many other local residents also have volunteered to assist in the worthy cause. According to Salvation Army officials, funds raised through the Elba Kettles will stay in the area to serve residents of Coffee County.

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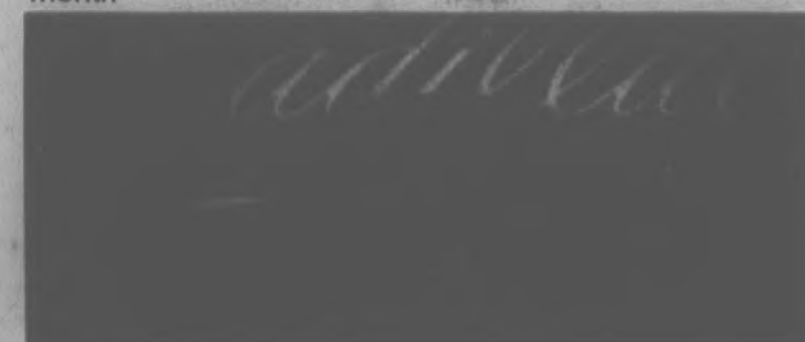
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